

15, Mill Road,  
WORTHING.  
Sussex.

March 1956.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the annual report for the year 1955 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the year 43 coastwise vessels with a tonnage of 9,970 entered the port, and 16 vessels with a tonnage of 3,342 arrived from foreign ports.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals :-

SECTION 1 - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer.	Nature of appt.	Date of appt.	Qualifications.	Any other appts.held
J.L.McGarry	Port Health Officer	1st.Jan.1934	Certificates of the R.S.H. & S.I.E.J.B.	Sanitary & Food Insp. Met.Reg to U.D.C.

MEDICAL OFFICER - Dr.F.Cockcroft., M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.  
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SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the port.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the S.I.	
Foreign Ports	16	3,342	-	16	Nil
Coastwise	43	9,970	-	40	Nil
Total	59	13,312	-	56	Nil

SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	( Number of passengers inwards. Nil.
	( Number of passengers outwards. Nil
Cargo Traffic	( Principal IMPORTS - Stone, Timber
	( Principal EXPORTS - Barley



PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Porthoustock, Falmouth, Jersey, Guernsey, Newlyn, Stugsund, Kotka, Weymouth and Helsingborg.

#### SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

There are no inland waterways serving this district

#### SECTION V - Water Supply

1. Towns water is laid on to wharves and all vessels can refill at any time without difficulty. The water comes from a borehole in the South Downs.
2. The towns water is periodically examined and all reports for the year have proved satisfactory.
3. There are no hydrants or hose pipes laid on to the wharves.
4. There are no water boats at this port.

#### SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

1. LIST OF INFECTED AREAS. This list is supplied weekly to the Customs and Excise Officer for the District.
2. RADIO MESSAGES
  - (a) No arrangements have been made for sending permission by Radio for ships to enter the District.
  - (b) No arrangements have been made for receiving messages by Radio from ships and for acting thereon.
3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO. Messages are received at the Port by signals.
4. MOORING STATIONS. A Mooring Station has been designated as required by Regulations 22 to 30, and is situated immediately North of the Railway Quay, on the East side of the River Arun. It has been agreed with the Harbour Master that should this berth be in use when required for quarantine, an alternative berth will be found for the vessel then occupying it. The provision of an additional Mooring Station outside the Harbour is considered impracticable.
5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR -
  - (a) Hospital Accommodation - Cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever and Encephalitis Lethargica could be isolated at the Isolation Hospital, Swandean. If any case of Plague, Cholera or Yellow Fever arrived on a vessel special arrangements would have to be made.
  - (b) Surveillance and Follow up of Contacts - would be carried out by Port Health Inspector, and the Medical Officer of Health.
  - (c) Cleansing and Disinfection of Ships, Persons, Clothing and Other Articles - Arrangements for the cleansing and disinfection of persons, clothing and other articles would be made to meet the situation.





## SECTION VII - Smallpox

1. Smallpox cases in this Region are sent to the Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.
2. Ambulance facilities available at Horsham under control of the County Council. Ambulance crews are vaccinated every year.
3. Nearest Smallpox consultant is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health of Brighton.
4. Specimens for Pathological examination can be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

## SECTION VIII - Venereal Diseases

Clinics for the treatment and diagnosis of Venereal Disease are held as follows :-

Chichester - St. Richard's Hospital. Wednesdays. 6 to 7 pm.

Portsmouth - St. Mary's Hospital (Ward C2). Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10 a.m. to 12 noon and  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Worthing - The Hospital, Lyndhurst Road. Wednesdays 4.30 pm to 5.30 p.m.  
Fridays 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Posters giving this information are displayed in the Public Conveniences in the town.

## SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

No case of Infectious or Notifiable Disease has been notified to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

## SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No case of Malaria has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

## SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

No case of Plague has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

## SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships in Foreign Ports

No special steps have been taken for the detection of Rodent Plague

(a) In ships in the port, (b) On quays, wharves, warehouses etc.  
in the vicinity of the port.


The Port Health Authority have provided rat guards and these are used when deemed necessary.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rat infested vessels have entered the port.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil



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Baiting and gassing of rats is periodically carried out in the neighbourhood of the wharves and during the year a large number of rats were killed by operation in accordance with the suggestions of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

TABLE F

No Deratting Certificates or Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G  
Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign - 16	Nil	2	Work done in
Coastwise - 40	Nil	12	all
Total - 56	Nil	14	cases

SECTION XIV - Public Health Shellfish Regulations, 1944 and 1948

There are some very small winkle beds at the mouth of the River Arun which are very little used, as there are better and larger beds further East. No infection has been traced to the eating of shellfish during the year.

It has not been necessary to take any action under these Regulations or the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (since repealed by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955).

Samples are periodically taken and submitted for bacteriological examination.

SECTION XV  
Medical Inspection of Aliens

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION XVI

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from Infectious Disease.

This matter has never arisen but arrangements would be made to meet the circumstances should they arise

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I must thank Mr. McGarry, the Port Health Officer, who has carried out his duties so very satisfactorily, and the Officer in Charge of Customs who has co-operated in every way possible.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. COCKCROFT.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Littlehampton Port Health Authority.

